* The applicant company shall pay one time Entry Fee of Rs. 25 crores.

* The annual licence fee shall be 15% of the Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR).

* The applicant company shall submit performance Bank Guarantee (BG) of Rs. 25 crores which will be released on fulfilment of the roll out obligations.

* All bearer services are to be provided by the Licensee.

* The licence is initially valid for a period of 20 years with automatic extension by a period of 5 years subject to satisfactory performance in accordance with terms & conditions of the licence particularly in regard to Quality of Service (QoS) parameters.

* International long distance traffic should be routed through National Long Distance Operators to the International Long Distance Operators (ILDOs) gateways for onward transmission to International network.

* The Licensee will establish a minimum of four gateway switches one in each region of the country *i.e.* Eastern, Western, Northern & Southern within three years of signing of licence agreement.

* Delivery of traffic to all the countries in the World is to be ensured through at least four Direct Routes *i.e.* one each to North America, Gulf Region, Europe and any one location in Sourth East Asia, Far East and Oceania within three years of signing of licence agreement.

* Two type of Quality of Service (QoS) are permitted.

Post offices in Rajasthan

1829. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new post offices sanctioned and opened in the rural/desert areas of Rajasthan during 2000-2001, district-wise, till date;

(b) the time bound programme in this regard;

(c) the places where no post offices have been set up so far and whether these places fulfil the prescribed criteria for setting up of new post offices; and

(b) whether Government have made any budgetary allocations for computer section/modernization of post offices during 2001-2002 in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) and (b) The target of opening of 22 new post offices was fixed for the year 2000-2001 and the same has been achieved. District-wise details are given in statement *(See* below).

(c) Post offices have not been set up so far in 28287 villages of Rajasthan. These villages do not fulfil the prescribed criteria for setting up of new post offices.

(d) The allocations of Rs. 35 lakh for computerization and Rs. 25 Lakh for modernizaiton of post offices during the year 2001-2002 have been made for the State.

Statement

District-wise details of new post offices sanctioned and opened in Rajasthan during the year 2000-2001.

SI No.	Name of District	No. of post offices sanctined and opened	Area
1	2	3	4
1.	Churu	2	Desert
2.	Jhunjhnu	1	-do-
3.	Sriganganagar	2	-do-
4.	Bikaner	1	-do-
5.	Sikar	1	-do-

1	2	3	4
6.	Jodhpur	1	Desert
7.	Sirohi	1	-do-
8.	Chittorgarh	2	Normal
9.	Dungarpur	2	-do-
10.	Udaipur	1	-do-
11.	Tonk	1	-do-
12.	Bilwara	2	-do-
13.	Jaipur	1	-do-
14.	Alwar	1	-do-
15.	Bharatpur	1	-do-
16.	Dausa	1	-do-
17.	Sawaimadhopur	1	-do-
	TOTAL:	22	

New Telephone connections

1830. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 36.81 lakh applicants were waiting for new telephone connections as on the 31st March, 2000 as compared to 19.83 lakh applicants in 1999;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Kerala had highest waiting list of 6.47 lakh applicants as on 31st March, 2000 and West Bengal had the least waiting list of 1.58 applicants;

(c) if so, what are the corresponding figures of applicants in waiting as on 31st March, 2001; and

(d) what action has been taken to reduce the waiting list of applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. But the waiting list of West Bengal was not the least, waiting list of the telecom circles is given in the statement (See below).